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Director's Message

One of my favorite pictures from this summer is the one of me standing with the CCC boy at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park. My dad was a CCC boy, and I often think of the adventures he had as a young North Dakota farm boy working on projects on the west coast. I also think of the young men who worked at camps in North Dakota, as CCC boys or part of the WPA, and the projects they completed at Fort Abraham Lincoln, Beaver Lake, Lake Metigoshe and Turtle River State Parks. Those bridges, picnic shelters, rock cairns, and beautiful rock and timber buildings still serve visitors to the parks and stand as a testament to a different time and the hard work of those young men. Thankfully those wonderful facilities have not changed in almost 80 years!

However, changes have occurred at North Dakota state parks over this past year, and I am proud to highlight several of those. Next summer when you visit Grahams Island and Fort Ransom State Parks, you will be greeted by new visitor centers and, in the case of Grahams Island, a new bait shop as well. Beautiful buildings to be sure, but more importantly, they are much needed facilities to better serve the visitors to the parks. Icelandic and Fort Stevenson State Parks will start the next camping season with new comfort stations with family

restrooms, shower facilities and ADA accessibility. Cross Ranch is home to a new 30' yurt, Pretty Point, which joins the two yurts at Fort Ransom State Park in offering unique lodging experiences at our state parks—including indoor bathrooms and a loft for the children or grandchildren. Learn more about these projects in this issue of *Discover*.

Other projects included exterior renovation of the Chalet building at Turtle River State Park—now done inside and out and ready for the sledding and cross-country skiing season. Campsite and road improvements at Lewis and Clark and Fort Abraham Lincoln State Parks have also been completed and will be welcome changes for next year's visitors and campers.

Not all changes are in buildings and other infrastructure projects. One major change in the department was the retirement of Brad Pozarnsky, field manager. Brad's 41-year service to the department, the citizens of North Dakota and the visitors to the parks is one of dedication and passion for the mission of the department. We wish Brad and Arlene the best in their new adventures!

Another major change on the horizon is the operations of the department going forward. With budget concerns taking priority in the 2017 Legislative Session,



NDPRD Director Mark Zimmerman

state agencies will be asked to review their operations and adjust accordingly.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing first-class services and programs to park visitors. Yes, operations will be tweaked to assure efficiency and continued good service, and all of us look forward to another great year in 2017 at North Dakota state parks.

Keep updated on parks and recreation events, activities and other highlights by checking out the department's website at www.parkrec.nd.gov and the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ndprd.

See you in the great outdoors!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Zimmerman".

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ON THE COVER: Young hikers experience fall colors along this trail in the Turtle Mountains on National Public Lands Day in September.

2017 State Park Permits Now Available

The 2017 North Dakota state parks annual permit was made available for purchase Nov. 7. The annual permit allows unlimited entry into all 13 state parks, as well as provides users with a free subscription to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's (NDRPD) *Discover* publication.

The 2017 permits are available to purchase online at www.parkrec.nd.gov, toll-free through the Reservation Call Center at 800-807-4723, at NDRPD headquarters in Bismarck or at any North Dakota state park.

100 Percent Reservation System

The 2016 camping season marked the first summer all 13 state parks used the 100 percent reservation system. Reservations at all parks were required at least 24 hours in advance for all campsites, corrals, cabins, yurts and tipis.

The reservation system was very successful, making the camping experience easier for both the parks and campers. Initially piloted at three parks over the last couple of years, it was implemented into all of the state parks for the 2016 season.



Karen Assel, assistant field manager for NDRPD, helped develop and implement the system. "The first year of full 100 percent reservations went well; the system was very efficient," she says. "All campers have an equal opportunity to rent a campsite, those traveling a long distance to the park as well as those living nearby."

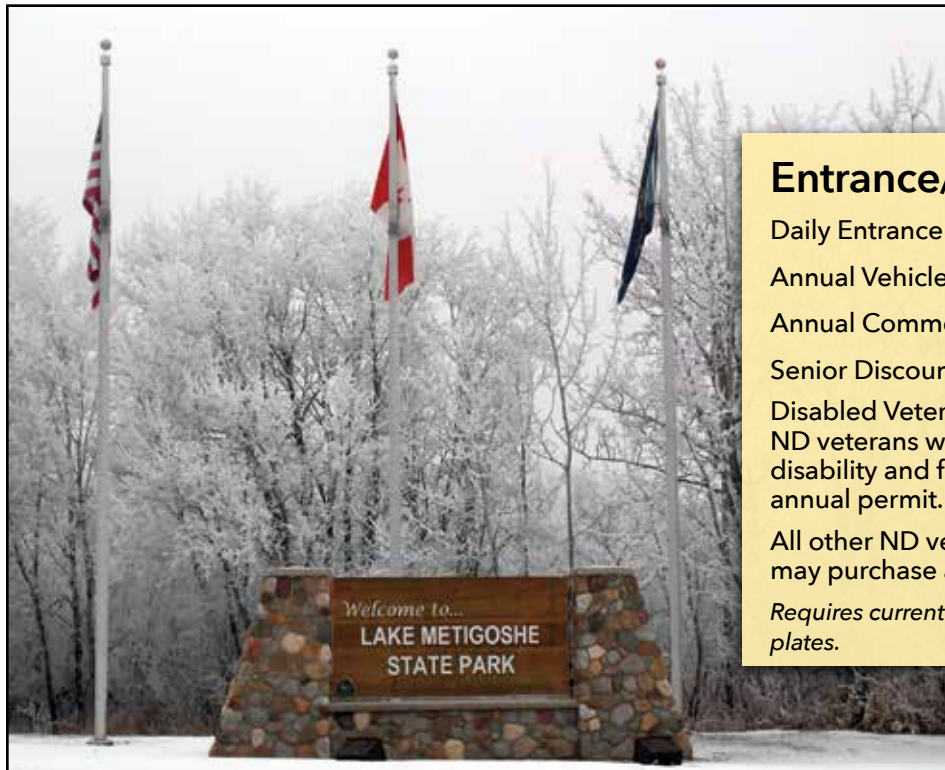
NDRPD decided to implement the 100 percent reservation system for many reasons. It allows campers to plan their trip in advance and be guaranteed a campsite, staff are able to plan and better manage the campgrounds, and it

allows for a better flow in and out of the campground, since all campers have paid and know the location of their campsite.

Many other surrounding states have also started taking reservations only. "Not only did the reservation system work great for our parks, it is also keeping up with trends," says Grahams Island State Park's Manager Henry Duray. "Campers have assurance that they have a camping spot and are able to pick their campsite. It also helps the parks to know how many campers to expect and knowing that they have all paid."

Reservations can be made up to 95 days prior to and as little as 24 hours in advance.

Campsite, cabin and yurt reservations can be made by phone to the NDRPD Reservation Call Center at 800-807-4723 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. central standard time. Campsite and cabin reservations can also be made online 24 hours a day at www.parkrec.nd.gov. Reservations for horse campsites and corrals must be made directly with the park. Prices vary on reservations, and full payment is required to confirm all reservations.



Entrance/Permit Fees:

Daily Entrance Fee	\$5
Annual Vehicle Entrance Permit	\$25
Annual Commercial Bus Pass	\$125
Senior Discount (ND residents age 65 and older)	\$20

Disabled Veterans and POWs:

ND veterans with a 50% or greater service-related disability and former POWs are eligible for one free annual permit.

All other ND veterans with service-related disabilities may purchase an annual permit for \$20.

Requires current VA proof of disability or ND DAV/POW license plates.

State Park Improvements and Capital Projects Enhance Visitors' Experiences

With the 2015 Legislature providing a record amount of funding for development in North Dakota state parks, many projects got underway across the state to both enhance existing park facilities and draw additional visitors with new year-round accommodations.

The Chalet at **Turtle River State Park (TRSP)** was recently under construction, first with the completion of an interior remodel. An exterior remodel has now also been completed with new windows and doors, as well as siding. "It has helped the building to look more presentable and inviting, as well as increased efficiencies," says Larry Hagen, park manager.

Hagen notes the improvements have also generated more interest in the building. "The building is available year-round, and the upstairs can be rented for events," he says, noting the building's downstairs is used for winter sledding and a starting point for the park's cross-country ski trails. "The improvements provide a much more appealing facility."

In addition, a new bathroom was recently completed near the park's CCC Memorial Shelter. "It can better accommodate events and is designed to be open later in the season," Hagen notes. "These improvements have been long needed for the park and the people that come to use Turtle River State Park. The facilities are now set up to be more inviting to visitors and events."

Construction on a new yurt at **Cross Ranch State Park (CRSP)** was completed in mid-October. "This yurt is an amazing rental opportunity for visitors," says Eric Lang, park manager. "It is the only rental facility we currently offer in the park that has running water. It provides all of the comforts of home and provides visitors of all outdoor levels the opportunity to stay in comfort."

Lang says the yurt is steps away from miles of groomed cross-country ski trails. "After a chilly day of skiing, you

can warm up with a hot cup of coffee or cocoa, turn on the propane fireplace and gaze over the Missouri River."

CRSP has two log cabins, the John Colter and Art Link cabins, as well as three other yurts available for rent. The park's visitor center is also open seven days a week.

Electricity was recently added to all the park's RV campsites, and five new vault toilets were constructed in the park. Rural water has also been run to the park and will be utilized in the near future. Lang says plans to build another cabin with running water are in the works for 2017.

Construction on two new yurts at **Fort Ransom State Park (FRSP)** was also completed this spring. "These are the first of their kind for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department. These yurts have more amenities and offer a comfortable, year-round experience with forced air conditioning during the summer and a standard home furnace during the winter," says Tyler Modlin, park manager.

He notes the yurts are also the first of their kind in the state parks with double pane windows, as well as dome and door windows. The facilities are ADA compliant, have custom pine tongue and groove walls, and two bedrooms in each. "When you step into our yurts, you're stepping into something that most luxury resorts wish they had," Modlin notes. "The location we put them in is most beneficial for all seasons of users."

Right outside the yurts' front doors is the trail head for the park's trails system. "We can now offer an experience to those that do not have a camper or tent, but still want to enjoy the outdoors in the state park," says Modlin.

Recent capital projects also completed at FRSP include the park's new visitor center. "This building is roughly 3,400 sq. ft. and houses the administration offices, as well as a meeting room, which can be used for educational purposes," Modlin notes.

With additional storage in the building, he says FRSP is now able to provide cross-country ski and snow



The Chalet, Turtle River State Park

shoe rentals and house expanded concessions. “The center section of the building also has a fireplace with couches and chairs for people to visit while they warm up during a break from winter activities.”

The park’s old visitor center will now be turned into a full-service rental cabin. Also new to the park is a vault toilet, which provides park users in the modern campground with a closer facility. All of these projects were part of a park master plan that is now completed, adds Modlin.

Grahams Island State Park (GISP) is also looking toward the completion of a new visitor center and bait shop building by the end of November. “The building we have operated currently as the bait shop has been moved a number of times due to flooding,” says Henry Duray, park manager, adding with a recent influx of visitors the original building was too small to use as an entrance, visitor center, and concessions and bait shop. “It was cheaper to build a brand new building, so we went through a planning process with a committee and picked a new location and design.”

A groundbreaking was held in May for the building that will now serve as an entrance facility complete with a visitor center, concessions and bait shop, and administrative offices. “You drive into the park about a mile and there is the new facility,” notes Duray. “It is a one-stop shop and will allow us to have staff in one place to provide services for our visitors.”

Many other improvements have taken place at GISP, including the building of a new full-service campground and the paving of roads, which, Duray notes, ties into the new visitor center. In addition, a new play area, campfire amphitheater and 15,000 trees and shrubs have been added to the park. “We were struggling for so many years to just get ahead of the flooding of Devils Lake, but now we can focus on improvements to the park,” says Duray.

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center

Since its construction in 1996-1997, the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center has been owned by the state of North Dakota, and for nearly 18 years, the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation operated the facility on behalf of the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD). On May 1, 2015, NDPRD assumed control of the facility’s operations, including all maintenance and staffing, while the Lewis & Clark Fort Mandan Foundation continued to assist in the promotion and interpretive programming of the facility. “The Foundation oversaw the development of these sites into some of the best along the Lewis & Clark Trail,” says Kevin Kirkey, site supervisor. “The ongoing operation of the site is just like when the Foundation ran it, with the same level of service.”

Below is a list of some of the 2017 events taking place at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center:

- Jan 1 — First Day Hike: A unique hike through the river bottoms to Fort Mandan
- March 3 — The Inside Tour: An after-hours tour of the Interpretive Center, including the collections room
- April 19 — Middle Missouri History Bee: Teams of 4th grade students compete on their knowledge of North Dakota studies
- April 21 — KNDC Awards Luncheon: Annual luncheon and awards ceremony to recognize winners of the Keep North Dakota Clean contest



Visitor center, Fort Ransom State Park



Entrance facility, Grahams Island State Park

Winter Activities Abound in North Dakota State Parks

The winter months in North Dakota can be long and frigid, but that doesn't mean you have to sit around and wait for spring. Make sure to get out and enjoy one of the many cold weather activities offered at 11 state parks. Below are highlights of the many different winter activities offered at North Dakota state parks.

Snowshoeing and Cross-Country Skiing

Snowshoeing and cross-country skiing are great winter sports that allow a little off-roading. Many of the parks offer miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to go snowshoeing and cross-country skiing, as well as rental equipment.

With more than 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails, **Cross Ranch State Park** is a beautiful location to cross country ski along the Missouri River or snowshoe off the beaten path and see almost 600 acres untouched beauty. "The skiing and snowshoeing are snow dependent. We like to have at least 12 inches of snow before we groom the trails, but visitors can ski if there is snow and we haven't groomed the trails yet," says Eric Lang, park manager. Cross-country skis and snowshoes are available to rent for \$15 per pair per day.

Once the snow has fallen and is deep

Winter Trails at North Dakota State Parks

Park	Length	Description
Beaver Lake	5 miles	skiing allowed, no groomed trails
Cross Ranch	10 miles	marked/groomed
Fort Abraham Lincoln	6.75 miles	skiing allowed, no groomed trails
Fort Ransom	6.5 miles	marked/groomed
Fort Stevenson	3 miles	marked/groomed
Grahams Island	3.5 miles	marked/groomed
Icelandic	5 miles	marked/groomed
Lake Metigoshe	8.5 miles	marked/groomed
Lake Sakakawea	3 miles	skiing allowed, no groomed trails
Lewis and Clark	4 miles	skiing allowed, no groomed trails
Turtle River	7.5 miles	marked/groomed

enough, Lake Metigoshe State Park grooms more than eight miles of trails. Visitors are encouraged to explore the park or the forest-lined cross-country ski trail. Skis and snowshoes are also available to rent for \$15 per pair per day.

Turtle River State Park has more than seven miles of trails for winter fun. "We are located in the Turtle River Valley in the Red River Valley. Because of the way the park lays, generally we're a bit out of the wind; the snow lays in the park a bit better," says Larry Hagen, park manager.

Many other parks offer cross-country skiing and snowshoeing trails, including Beaver Lake State Park, Fort Abraham

Lincoln State Park, Fort Ransom State Park, Fort Stevenson State Park, Icelandic State Park, Lake Sakakawea State Park, and Lewis and Clark State Park.

Fat-Tire Biking

Fat tire biking is becoming very popular across the state. These bikes are ideal to be ridden in snow, sand and mud. With the snowy North Dakota winters, it is the perfect sport to take part in outdoors.

Fort Stevenson State Park, located in Garrison, offers groomed trails for snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and fat-tire biking. "What makes us unique is we are one of the few places in North Dakota where you can rent fat-tire bikes," says Chad Trautman, park manager, adding the bikes rent for \$6 per hour or \$25 per day. Fort Stevenson State Park is the only state park that rents fat-tire bikes. The trails are also open to winter bikers at Fort Lincoln State Park.

Sledding

Sledding is a favorite past time for many North Dakotans, and **Lake Metigoshe State Park** has one awesome hill. "Our hill is great! You can really fly down the hill, and if you hit it just right, you will end up far out into the lake," says Amy Schimetz, park interpreter.

Located across from the sledding hill is also a warming house. "A lot of families



Cross Ranch State Park



Fort Stevenson State Park

bring a picnic lunch. After sledding, they walk across the parking lot and enjoy cocoa and sandwiches in the warming house,” Schimetz notes.

Turtle River State Park also offers a sledding hill and warming house. The park rents out the second story of the Chalet, as well as the Woodland Lodge for meetings and family gatherings.

Ice Fishing

Dress warm, bait your hook and dream of a whopper! Ice fishing is one of the most popular winter activities in North Dakota. People come from all over the country to ice fish in the state. Many state parks have lake or river access and make ice fishing easily accessible.

Head to **Grahams Island State Park**, located on Devils Lake, to do some ice fishing, the park’s most popular winter activity. “We keep our boat ramp open all year round,” says Park Manager Henry Duray. “We are an ideal park to ice fish, with lake access to Devils Lake.”

Ice fishing is also very popular at

Beaver Lake State Park, Lake Metigoshe State Park and Fort Stevenson State Park.

Winter Camping and Accommodations

Winter camping can be a fun and, depending on your accommodation, a challenging activity. North Dakota state parks have many different types of accommodations that vary from primitive to modern.

Cozy up in a log cabin at **Cross Ranch State Park**. “The log cabins out here make for an awesome experience, being able to watch a fire in our wood burning stoves and just getting a really cool winter log cabin experience,” says Eric Lang, park manager.

Visitors can rent a cabin for \$80 per night. The park also has three yurts for \$65 per night, and a new yurt with running water for \$125 per night. The campground is also open and has the same amenities as the summer months; however, the water is turned off at the dump station and campground.

Lake Metigoshe State Park has three modern cabins, which vary from \$95 to \$115 per night and are available to rent year-round. In addition, the park has a fourth cabin, Cormorant, with electricity but no running water for \$55

per night; a yurt for \$65 per night (heat, but no water); and an osprey, a primitive cabin, for \$55 per night. The osprey has no motorized vehicle access and is only accessible by a two-mile snowshoe or cross-country ski in the winter months, or hike, kayak or canoe in the summer months.

The campground is open year-round at **Grahams Island State Park** and is popular with anglers. Before the ice is thick enough to drive on, or when it is getting too thin, fishermen and women are able to park their ice castle fish houses in the campground. “Anglers can go out and fish for the day, before walking back to their ice castle parked in our campground, on safe ground,” notes Duray.

Many state parks have primitive campgrounds available for winter campers. Reservations for cabins and yurts are taken up to one year in advance. Also, those renting cabins/yurts need to bring their own bedding.

To find out more information about winter activities, visit www.parkrec.nd.gov. To check availability and/or make reservations for the cabins or yurts this winter, go to www.parkrec.nd.gov or contact the Reservation Call Center at 800-807-4723.



Grahams Island State Park

Staff Recognition and Changes at NDPRD

Hanson Receives Governor's Award

On Sept. 12, Gov. Jack Dalrymple presented six state employees with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Public Service in recognition of their dedication and contributions to the people of North Dakota. Jesse Hanson, director of the Planning Division for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) was recognized in the Executive and Administration category.

The award recipients were nominated by their peers and selected by a committee of judges who reviewed and scored the nominations. Nominees were rated on their overall job performance, contributions to their department, commitment to customer service, working relationship with fellow workers and involvement in their community.



Vanguard Award Presented to Gardner

The North Country Trail Association presented its 2016 Vanguard Award to Matthew Gardner, NDPRD recreation division manager, at the association's conference in Fargo in September. This award is presented to a legislator or other public official whose leadership, actions and advocacy have substantially benefited the North Country Trail over a chapter/affiliate/partner's area or larger, not just a short segment.

The Vanguard Award recognizes exceptional leadership skills, perseverance and vision, and the significant achievements made possible by an individual's dedication to the North Country National Scenic Trail. Gardner was honored for his work and support of the North Country Trail in North Dakota, including helping with the Outdoor Heritage Fund grant and other trail projects.



Pozarnsky Retires After More Than Four Decades of Service

Brad Pozarnsky recently retired from NDPRD after more than 41 years of service. He began his career with NDPRD in 1975 as a seasonal ranger at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park and later became a full-time ranger. Later, Pozarnsky moved to Fort Stevenson State Park as full-time manager and then transferred to Lake Metigoshe State Park working in the same position. He was promoted again to west district manager, followed by east district manager. Approximately 20 years ago, he was promoted to his final role as a field manager.

"It was a great job, I really enjoyed working with the public, I am a people person," says Pozarnsky. "I am going to miss the people I worked with and the public. I will miss improving the parks and watching the young staff grow up into managers."



New Faces at State Parks

Eric Sperling

Sperling began as a seasonal park ranger at Grahams Island State Park in April 2016 and accepted the full-time position of park ranger at Lake Sakakawea State Park in May 2016.



Alex Dohman

Dohman was a seasonal park ranger at Turtle River State Park from May 2014 to September 2014. He was rehired in May 2015 as a seasonal biological technician with NDPRD through December 2015 and accepted the full-time biologist I position in August 2016.



Paul Grine

Grine began with Lewis and Clark State Park in May 2015. His employment continued at Little Missouri State Park and Cross Ranch State Park during the winter of 2015-2016. He became the ranger supervisor at Little Missouri State Park in April 2016. He accepted the full-time position of park ranger at Turtle River State Park in September 2016.



Doris Boepple

In October 2016, Boepple was hired as the administrative assistant at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park.



Gordon Weixel

Weixel, public information officer, retired from NDPRD in August 2016.



New Species of Mosasaur Uncovered at Pembina Gorge Fossil Dig

Some exciting news resulted from this year's dig at Pembina Gorge. "We were able to uncover a new species of mosasaur for North Dakota, possibly an entirely new species," says Clint Boyd, a senior paleontologist with the North Dakota Geological Survey. Although it will take time for experts to research the remains that were found, experts are extremely excited about the new discovery and that it happened in North Dakota.

On Aug. 10-13, a public fossil dig was once again held in the beautifully scenic Pembina Gorge near Walhalla in Cavalier County. This event has been offered for several years in an ongoing search to discover sea monsters. The location of the dig, overlain by the Pierre Formation, is more than 80 million years old and holds some of the oldest surface rocks in North Dakota.

When dinosaurs were roaming

elsewhere, North Dakota was covered with a shallow ocean known as the Western Interior Seaway. This was home to variety of animals such as giant swimming reptiles called mosasaurs, giant squid, sea turtles, aquatic birds, fish of all shapes and sizes, snails, clams and many more creatures.

This year's dig was co-sponsored by the North Dakota Geological Survey, North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department, and Walhalla Economic Development. The four-day event welcomed the public to actively participate in the digging with paleontologist supervision. Boyd says the event was successful with around 75 people, including a school group, participating in the dig.

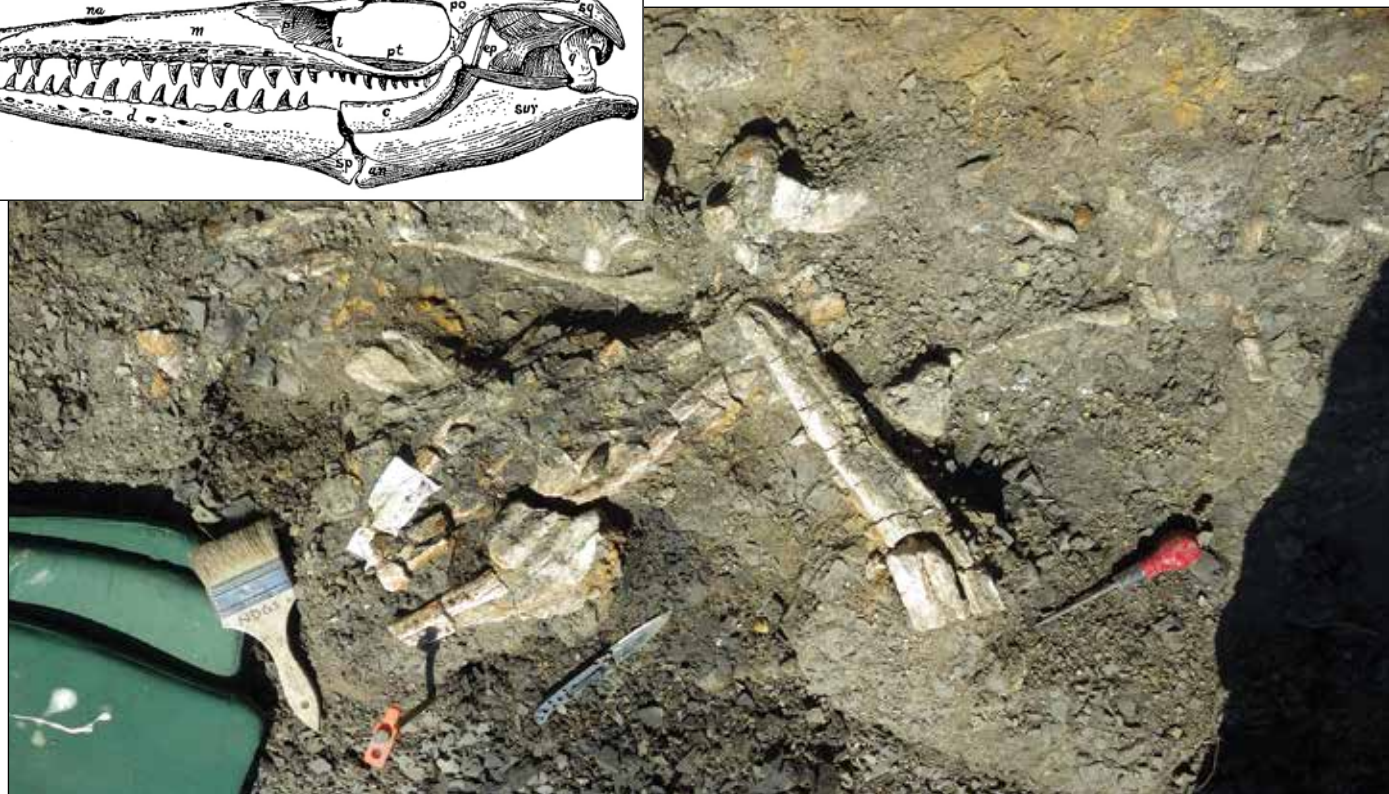
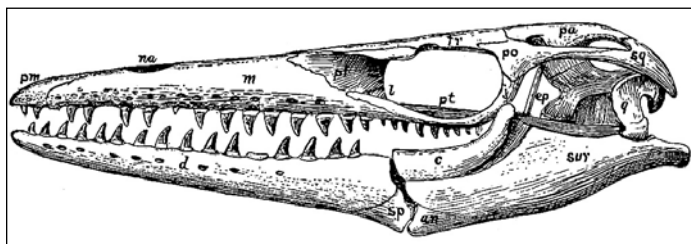
Other specimens found during the dig were parts of a 20-foot fish called *Xiphactinus* and an *Enchodus*, which is comparable to salmon, but larger. "When

digging out that much rock, you uncover a variety of fish material," says Boyd.

The bulk of the remains found, however, were from a reptile called a mosasaur, a carnivorous animal that can range from 12 to 50 feet. "It's like a komodo dragon with flippers," describes Boyd.

Following the public fossil digs, the specimens are sent to the North Dakota State Fossil Collection, which is located at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck. From there, they are cleaned in the paleontology laboratory and then featured in a collection at the museum.

At this time, the 2017 public fossil dig schedule has not been finalized, but you can keep up to date on the events and findings of the North Dakota Geological Survey at www.dmr.nd.gov/ndfossil/ or on its Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NDGSpaleo.



Mosasaur remains, Pembina Gorge

First Day Hikes a Chance to Celebrate the New Year Outdoors

First Day Hike Events have become signature events for many of America's state parks. On New Year's Day, parks in all 50 states offer free, guided programming that provides opportunities for individuals and families to celebrate the New Year in the outdoors. According to the National Association of State Park Directors' website, nearly 28,000 people took part in First Day Hikes Events, collectively hiking more than 66,000 miles throughout the country, last year.

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) has five locations participating in First Day programming on Jan. 1. Programming includes a bird count, a cross-country ski/snowshoeing event and themed hikes. The events are free to the public, but state park entry fees apply. Participants of all ages are welcome and are encouraged to dress for winter weather conditions to maximize their First Day experience.

Contact the state parks or interpretive centers directly if there are any cancellation inquiries during severe weather conditions. NDPRD invites you to start the New Year by coming to play in its backyard.

The First Day Hike Event will be the first hike associated with the **Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park 2017 Hiking Challenge**. Participants should dress for the day's weather and meet

at the visitors center at 1 p.m. where a group will set off on a two-mile adventure, pending snow conditions.

The 2nd Annual First Find, First Day Hike will start at **Cross Ranch State Park** at 1 p.m. and take approximately an hour to complete. Participants can meet at the River Peoples Visitors Center to start their geocaching adventure. There will be three geocaches with New Year's surprises hidden around the park for visitors to find. To find the geocaches, visitors can bring smart phones, their own GPS units or borrow one of eight GPS units from the park. Park staff will be available to guide visitors and help with GPS units. The hike is a continuation of the First Find, First Day Hike that was planned last year. The event's difficulty is a moderate level, and the distance will be about one mile. Hot chocolate and refreshments will be provided.

Put on your winter gear in preparation for the Expedition at the **Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center** and hike through the forest to Fort Mandan where warm fires await. Join park staff and participants at 1 p.m. at the Fort Mandan Visitors Center and head out on a one-mile hike that will be followed by socializing in the fort. Participants also have the opportunity to sample historic foods, as well as warm beverages. This event is free to the public. Visitors should



be sure to wear boots and bring their cameras.

Grab your field guides and your binoculars to join **Turtle River State Park** staff for a Winter Bird Count-First Day Hike. The official count will start around 8 a.m. and finish late in the day. Participants can come and go throughout the day. A Birding Basics Hike will take place from 10-11 a.m., starting at the park's Chalet. Turtle River State Park will have a few extra binoculars available for visitors to utilize. The hike will be about a mile in length and longer for those who stay into the day for the bird count. Free hot chocolate and cider will also be available.

Fort Stevenson State Park is holding its fourth annual First Day Hike from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Participants are invited to hike, cross-country ski or snowshoe, depending on the park's conditions. Park staff will provide candle luminaries to light the trail, and participants can enjoy snacks and refreshments at the visitor center following the hike.



Turtle River State Park



Honor Guard members from left to right: Ryan Nelson, Erik Dietrich, Ryan Gardner, Char Binstock, Katie Ogden and Justin Robinson.

Front row: Wendy Ross, Superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Park; U.S. Senator John Hoeven; Patricia Trap, National Park Service Deputy Regional Director, Midwest Region; and Mark Zimmerman, Director of North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department.

Honor Guard Presents Colors

North Dakota State Parks and Recreation Honor Guard presented colors at the Theodore Roosevelt National Park's celebration of the National Park Service's 100th anniversary. The ceremony, held at the Painted Canyon overlook on Aug. 25, featured the release of the U. S. Mint quarter coin that highlighted Theodore Roosevelt at the Elkhorn Ranch.

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Order Form

North Dakota State Park Annual Vehicle Permit

The 2017 Annual Vehicle Permit for North Dakota state parks can be ordered by mail at a cost of \$25 each. ND residents ages 65 and older can receive a discount price of \$20. Permits come with a card and envelope, making them ideal for gift giving. Make checks or money orders payable to the ND Parks and Recreation Department and mail to:

North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department
PO Box 5594
Bismarck, ND 58506-5594

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Quantity	Cost	Total
_____ 2017 annual permit	\$25/each	\$ _____
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Date of birth required for senior discount DOB _____		
_____ Number of gift envelopes		

If permit is given as a gift, please provide the permit holder's above information.

Disabled veterans and former POWs must apply in person at parks or Bismarck office to receive special discount.

North Dakota Parks and Recreation encourages the use of its website www.parkrec.nd.gov for the purchase of Annual Vehicle Permits. Secure sales can be made through either credit or debit card online.



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